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President - Ravalli Farm Bureau's 800 Families

Missoula & Ravalli Resident

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Ringaling...ringaling....

Hello, police department, this is city dweller, Jane. I need a police officer at my house.. there is a group that says they can take half my house and yard....h e l p !

This may sound ridiculous, but it is exactly what's going on in Missoula County under the guise of losing AG land - the local government mitigates 50% your land if you want to subdivide with the gall to command you to still continue farming a certain portion of your farm after subdivision!! Their four reports don't even support what they're doing. Montana grows hay and cattle that is all shipped out of State; because of a short season and limited sunlight, the farmers can't "feed" Missoula or any other town. At meetings, a room full of landowners are against; the planning board says they have consensus when it's only from the University students that fill the room! Coming to a town near you....Helena then Bozeman.

"Mama mia, di me cento dinar - volio andar en America!

Mama mine, give me \$100, I want to go to America

My husband grew up in communist Yugoslavia, and after singing that song until he was 19, he ran away with \$100, came to America and began working three jobs at a time for 43 years, putting all his money into Montana land.

Just like 100,000 + farmers and ranchers that homesteaded in the early 1900's and have slaved on the land plus worked a day job to make it; they did it because they'd own something with the guaranteed rights from the two Constitutions with property rights as their base.

Don't chain farmers to their tractors 'til eternity, please support this simple change.

Thank you Senator Buttrey

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